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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION memorializing Emerson Holmes Hendley, Chief Elder of The Hendley Family Association, Inc.

Whereas, Emerson Holmes Hendley, son of the former Lettie Delmas Claspell of Glasgow, Kentucky (Barren County) and Berlin Holmes Hendley of Fountain Run, Kentucky (Monroe County), was born January 4, 1922, at Fountain Run, Kentucky, near New Design Church;

Whereas, Emerson Holmes Hendley moved with his family to Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1924, where he started school at Public School 47 on the near westside;

Whereas, Emerson Holmes Hendley attended Emerich Manual Training High School located at the Union Street

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building near downtown and graduated in 1939;

Whereas, While attending high school, Mr. Hendley spent two years in the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC);

Whereas, Emerson Holmes Hendley served in the United States Army during World War II, enlisting on October 23, 1941;

Whereas, Mr. Hendley was sent to Camp Croft, South Carolina, for basic training under the command of Lieutenant General Clarence R. Huebner;

Whereas, Upon completion of basic training, Mr. Hendley served with the 82nd Airborne Division and the 830th Coastal Guard Artillery Regiment, with which his duties were to protect the Chesapeake Bay naval ports from enemy submarine invasion;

Whereas, Mr. Hendley was honorably discharged from the Army on June 11, 1946, with the American Theater Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal;

Whereas, On April 13, 1943, Emerson married the former Sarah Belle Brown of Wan, Virginia, a union that resulted in five children: Stephen, Carol Ann, Ronald, Vernon Lee, and Herbert Emerson;

Whereas, Mr. Hendley began his career in the auto body repair business at General Body Man Shop in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1946;

Whereas, In 1952, Mr. Hendley and his family moved to Gloucester, Virginia, where he spent the next nine years with Bell Motors, a supplier of military vehicles during World War II;

Whereas, Mr. Hendley was a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary's Search and Rescue Wing from 1957 through 1970, serving as a Wing Commander of the 5th District



for two terms, and often used his own airplane on missions;

Whereas, Mr. Hendley was elected the first vice president of The Hendley Family Association, Inc., on November 22, 1975, serving with distinction from 1976 through 1977;

Whereas, Mr. Hendley ascended to the honored position of Clan Elder (the 4th) of The William Meredith Hendley Clan, eldest of his branch of The Hendley Family Association, Inc., on April 13, 1987, and was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Kentucky Governor Wallace G. Wilkinson on August 15, 1988, and issued a Certificate of Recognition by Virginia Governor George Allen on May 16, 1995;

Whereas, Emerson Holmes Hendley ascended to the highest honor of Chief Elder (the 5th) of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. (eldest of both branches of the Association) on December 6, 1992, and was issued a Certificate of Recognition by Governor George Allen of the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 16, 1995, in honor of becoming the family patriarch; and

Whereas, Emerson Holmes Hendley passed away on August 24, 1998, and a memorial service was held at Gloucester Point Baptist Church where Mr. Hendley was a member: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to pay a
- 2 final tribute to one of its native sons and convey its sincere sympathy
- 3 to his family and the family association of which he was patriarch.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Sarah Belle
- 6 Hendley; Stephen Todd Hendley (Stephen Sr.'s son); Ronald Andrew
- 7 Hendley, vice president, The Hendley Family Association, Inc.; Carol
- 8 Ann Eubank, member, board of directors, The Hendley Family
- 9 Association, Inc.; Vernon Lee Hendley; Herbert Emerson Hendley;
- 10 Edna L. Tolbert (sister), Chief Elder, The Hendley Family Association,
- 11 Inc.; Sarah J. Stafford (sister), member, board of directors, The
- 12 Hendley Family Association, Inc.; Edith L. Kirk (sister), Clan Elder,
- 13 The William Meredith Hendley Clan; Donald E. Hendley (brother),
- 14 chairman, The William Meredith Hendley Clan; the other eight
- 15 brothers and sisters; the other six elected officials of The Hendley



- 1 Family Association, Inc.; Paul E. Patton, governor of Kentucky; James
- 2 S. Gilmore, III, governor of Virginia; David L. Williams, Kentucky
- 3 Senate president; and Virginia State Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
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